

decoding unit and the storing unit is supplied to the reproducing apparatus through the first transmitting and receiving unit.

AB --86. (Amended) The terminal apparatus according to claim 81, further comprising a signal processing unit for performing an encrypting process on the data transmitted from one of the first and second transmitting and receiving unit and for decoding the encryption performed to the data transmitted from the communicating unit or the exterior element when the data are transmitted and received to and from one of the reproducing apparatus and the exterior element through one of the first and second transmitting units.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-86 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

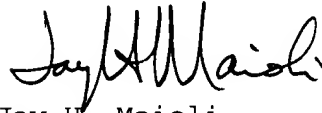
As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is

earnestly solicited.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

--Reproduction data is supplied to a decoder and [encryption is] decoded. A reproducing conditions label is detected by a reproducing conditions label detecting unit. Compression encoding is decoded by a decompressor. A watermark detecting unit [discriminates] determines whether the reproducing conditions label has been falsified [or not]. In a listening [right] counter, each time the reproduction data is decoded, listening [right] data is changed. The listening [right] data transmitted from a prepaid data charger by an antenna and a communicating module is stored into a memory unit. An encrypting module and a decoding module are provided in the communicating module. In a watermark adding unit, a watermark is added to output data. The data is converted into an analog output by a D/A converter and outputted [to the outside].--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-86 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Amended) A data decoding apparatus comprising:  
decoding means for decoding one of encoded [or] and

encrypted digital data;

memory means for storing monitoring [right] data; and  
charge control means for[, when said encoded or and  
encrypted data is decoded,] performing a charging process by  
changing [said] the monitoring [right] data in [said] the  
memory means in accordance with an instruction of reproducing  
conditions information associated with [said] the digital  
data[, thereby performing a charging process] when the digital  
data are decoded.

--2. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according  
to claim 1, further comprising identifier memory means for  
storing an identifier of the decoded digital data [and/or] and  
decoding conditions, [and] wherein a log [is left] remains in  
[said] the identifier memory means [upon] after the decoding  
of [said] the digital data.

--3. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according  
to claim 1, further comprising an interface [which can] that  
safely [exchange] exchanges data with an external [specific]  
apparatus by encrypting the data, [and] wherein the monitoring  
[right] data [can be] are stored in [said] the memory means  
through [said] the interface.

--4. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according  
to claim 3, wherein [said] the interface has contactless  
communicating means.

--5. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein [said] the interface has electric power receiving means[,];

and [even in a situation such that a power source of an apparatus main body is not supplied, it is possible to access to] the data in [said] the memory means are accessed through [said] the interface when a power source of an apparatus main body is not supplied.

--6. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an interface [which can] that safely [exchange] exchanges data with an external [specific] apparatus by encrypting the data,

[and] wherein log data in [said] the memory means [can be] are outputted, inputted, [or] and changed through [said] the interface.

--7. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein [said] the interface has contactless communicating means.

--8. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein [said] the interface has electric power receiving means[,] and [even in a situation such that a power source of an apparatus main body is not supplied, it is possible to access to] the data in [said] the memory means are accessed through [said] the interface when a power source of

an apparatus main body is not supplied.

--9. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when [said] the digital data [is] are decoded, one of a part [or] of the reproducing conditions information, all of [said] the reproducing conditions information [or], and a result obtained by performing [a certain] an arithmetic operation [to the data of said] on the reproducing conditions information is embedded as a watermark [which can be] that is decoded into the output data.

--10. (Amended) [A] The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when [said] the digital data [is] are decoded[, if] and a watermark has been added, the data embedded in [said] the watermark [is] are decoded and[, only when it is equal to a normal value which is obtained from reproducing conditions information,] the decoded data [is] are outputted when the decoded watermark data are equal to a normal value obtained from the reproducing conditions information.

--11. (Amended) A data decoding method comprising the steps of:

decoding one of encoded [or] and encrypted digital data;  
and

[when said encoded or encrypted data is decoded,]  
performing a changing process by changing stored monitoring

[right] data in accordance with reproducing conditions information associated with [said] the digital data[, thereby performing a charging process] when the digital data are decoded.

--12. (Amended) A charge information processing apparatus for relaying monitoring [right] data between a settlement center and a data decoding apparatus, wherein

[said] the charge information processing apparatus is constructed as a portable [type so that it can be] apparatus shared among a plurality of data decoding apparatuses.

--13. (Amended) [A] the charge information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein [said] communicating means [can be] is directly connected to one of a telephone line [or], an Internet [or can be connected thereto], the telephone line by relaying another apparatus, and the Internet by relaying another apparatus.

--14. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising memory means for storing a log in which a use situation has been recorded, [and] wherein when the monitoring [right] data [is] are transferred from [said] the memory means to an external apparatus through [said] the interface[, the log [in which the use situation has been recorded] is transferred from [said] the external apparatus to [said] the memory means.

--15. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein when [said] the apparatus is connected to [said] the settlement center[,] the monitoring [right] data settled by [said] the settlement center [is] are transferred to [said] the memory means and[, at the same time,] a log in which a use situation is recorded stored in [said] the memory means is transferred to [said] the settlement center.

--16. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein [said] the interface has contactless communicating means.

--17. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein [at least] one of a moving process, a summing process, and a dividing process [can be] is performed [to at least] on a part of the monitoring [right] data among charge information processing apparatuses through [said] the interface.

--18. (Amended) A charge information processing apparatus for relaying monitoring [right] data between a settlement center and a data decoding apparatus, comprising:

communicating means [which can be] that is one of directly connected to [said] the settlement center through wire [or radio] communicating means [or can be], directly connected to the settlement center through radio communicating



means, and connected [thereto] to the settlement center by relaying [another] an other apparatus;

retrieval means for safely obtaining the monitoring [right] data from [said] the settlement center;

memory means for storing [said] the monitoring [right] data; and

an interface having means for safely transferring one of a part [or] of the monitoring data and all of the monitoring [right] data [to/from] to and from an external apparatus.

--19. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein [said] the communicating means [can be] is one of directly connected to a telephone line [or] , an Internet [or can be], connected to the telephone line by relaying the other apparatus, and connected [thereto] to the Internet by relaying [another] the other apparatus.

--20. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising log memory means for storing a log in which a use situation has been recorded, [and] wherein when the monitoring [right] data [is] are transferred from [said] the log memory means to the external apparatus through [said] the interface[,] the log [in which the use situation has been recorded] is transferred from [said] the external apparatus to [said] the log memory means.

--21. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein when [said] the apparatus is connected to [said] the settlement center[,] the monitoring [right] data settled by [said] the settlement center [is] are transferred to [said] the memory means and[, at the same time,] a log in which a use situation is recorded stored in [said] the memory means [has been recorded] is concurrently transferred to [said] the settlement center.

--[21] 22. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein [said] the interface has contactless communicating means.1

--23. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein [at least] one of a moving process, a summing process, and a dividing process [can be] is performed [to at least] on a part of the monitoring [right] data between charge information processing apparatuses through [said] the interface.

--24. (Amended) A charge information processing apparatus for relaying monitoring [right] data between a settlement center and a data decoding apparatus, comprising:

an interface having means for safely transferring one of a part [or] of the monitoring data and all of the monitoring [right] data [to/from] to and from an external apparatus; and memory means for storing [said] the monitoring [right]

data,

[and] wherein [said] the interface [can transfer said] transfers the monitoring [right] data [to/from] to and from an IC card.

--25. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising log memory means for storing a log in which a use situation has been recorded, [and] wherein when the monitoring [right] data [is] are transferred from [said] the memory means to the external apparatus through [said] the interface, the log [in which the use situation has been recorded] is transferred from [said] the external apparatus to [said] the log memory means.

--26. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the monitoring [right] data [is] are transferred from [said] the IC card to [said] the memory means and[, at the same time,] a log in which a use situation is recorded stored in [said] the memory means [has been recorded] is concurrently transferred to [said] the IC card.

--27. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein [said] the interface has contactless communicating means.

--28. (Amended) A charge information processing method of

relaying monitoring [right] data between a settlement center and a data decoding apparatus, comprising the steps of:

directly connecting to the settlement center through one of wire [or] communicating means, radio communicating means [or connecting thereto] , and by relaying [another] an other apparatus;

[safely] obtaining the monitoring [right] data from [said] the settlement center;

storing [said] the monitoring [right] data; and

[safely] transferring one of a part [or] of the monitoring data and all of the monitoring [right] data [to/from] to and from an external apparatus.

--29. (Amended) A data reproducing apparatus for reproducing one of compression encoded [and/or] and encrypted digital data, comprising

a decoding apparatus for decoding [said] the digital data,

[and] wherein [said] the decoding apparatus has:

decoding means for decoding the [encoded or encrypted] digital data;

memory means for storing monitoring [right] data; and

charge control means for[, when said encoded or encrypted data is decoded,] changing [said] the monitoring [right] data in [said] the memory means in accordance with an instruction of reproducing conditions information associated with [said] the digital data[, thereby performing] to perform a charging

process when the digital data are decoded.

--30. (Amended) A data reproducing method of reproducing one of compression encoded [and/or] and encrypted digital data, comprising the steps of:

decoding the [encoded or encrypted] digital data; and

[when said encoded or encrypted digital data is decoded,] performing a charging process by changing stored monitoring [right] data in accordance with an instruction of reproducing conditions information associated with [said] the digital data[, thereby performing a charging process] when the digital data are decoded.

--31. (Amended) A charge information processing apparatus to which one of compression encoded [and/or] and encrypted software is distributed free of charge and [which] that executes a charging process when the distributed software is decoded, comprising:

storage means [which can be] that is connected to a user terminal in which past use history information of software in a user device has been stored through one of wire [or] and radio communicating means; and

authenticating/encrypting means for safely transmitting and receiving use right data [to/from said] to and from the user terminal,

wherein when the use right data [is] are sold to [said] the user terminal[, said] the use history information is

transferred from [said] the user terminal.

--32. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 31, wherein [said] the use history information includes identifiers for identifying [said] the software and [said] the user terminal.

--33. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 31, wherein a use fee of [each] the software is further calculated on the basis of [said] the use history information.

--34. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 32, wherein a calculated use fee is [further] paid to a delegator.

--35. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 31, wherein [said] the user terminal has a function for transferring [said] the use right data to [said] the user device.

--36. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein [said] the user terminal [has a construction of a] is portable [type so that it can be shared] and shared among a plurality of [said] the user devices.

--37. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 31, wherein [said] the apparatus has a function for selling [said] the use right data to [said] the user terminal.

--38. (Amended) [A] The charge information processing apparatus according to claim 31, wherein [said] the software is [at least] one of audio data, video data, still image data, character data, computer graphic data, game software, and a computer program.

--39. (Amended) A charge information processing method whereby one of compression encoded [and/or] and encrypted software is distributed free of charge and[, when the distributed software is decoded,] a charging process is executed when the distributed software is decoded, comprising the steps of:

connecting to a user terminal in which past use history information of software in a user device has been stored through one of wire [or] and radio communicating means;

performing authentication/encryption for safely transmitting and receiving use right data [to/from said] to and from the user terminal; and

[when the use right data is sold to said user terminal, said] transferring the use history information [is transferred] from [said] the user terminal when the use right data are sold to the user terminal.

--40. (Amended) Electronic money [having an effect] corresponding to cash, wherein [its] a use period is limited.

--41. (Amended) An electronic use right for enabling software that performs operations such as a reproduction of contents [or the like to be used], wherein [its] a use period is limited.

--42. (Amended) A system in which one of electronic money [or] and an electronic use right [whose] having a limited use period [is limited] and one of electronic money [or] and an electronic use right [whose] having no limited use period [is not limited] exist [mixedly] concurrently.

--43. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein services [which are] provided by [said] one of the electronic money [or] and electronic use right [whose] having the limited use period [is limited] and [those] services provided by [said] one of the electronic money [or] and the electronic use right having no use period are [made] different.

--44. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein [said] the electronic money [or] and the electronic use right [whose] having the limited use period [is limited] is [cheaply] provided [as compared with that] cheaper than the electronic money and the electronic use right having no use



period.

--45. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein a remaining portion of [said] the electronic money [or] and electronic use right [whose] having the limited use period [is limited] is not reduced.

--46. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein an identifier [has been] is added to [said] the electronic money [or] and to the electronic use right [whose] having the limited use period [is limited so as] to distinguish [it] them from [that] the electronic money and electronic use right having no use period.

--47. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein information of [said] the use period [has been] is encrypted.

--48. (Amended) [A] The system according to claim 42, wherein information of [said] the use period is protected by an error detection code [and/or] and an error correction code.

--49. (Amended) A decoding apparatus comprising:  
a decoding unit for performing a decoding process to compressed [and/or] and encrypted data including data [which was] read [out] from a medium and [is concerned with] corresponding to reproducing conditions;

a storing unit for storing monitoring [right] data; and  
a control unit for[, when said read-out data is decoded  
by said decoding unit in the case where said read-out data is  
data as a target of charging,] performing a changing process  
to [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the  
storing unit on the basis of the data [regarding said]  
corresponding to the reproducing conditions separated by  
[said] the decoding unit when the read data are decoded and  
are targets of charging.

--50. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to  
claim 49, wherein when [said read-out] the read data [is] are  
not the [data as a target] targets of the charging, [said] the  
control unit does not change [said] the monitoring [right]  
data stored in [said] the storing unit.

--51. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to  
claim 49, further comprising a converting unit for converting  
output data [which is] outputted from [said] the decoding unit  
into an analog signal.

--52. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to  
claim 49, wherein reproduction history information of [said  
read-out] the read data [which was] decoded by [said] the  
decoding unit [is written into said] are stored in the storing  
unit.

--53. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 52, further comprising a communicating unit, [and] wherein [said] the reproduction history information [can be] is outputted to an external apparatus through [said] the communicating unit[,] and [said] the monitoring [right] data [can be written into said] are stored in the storing unit.

--54. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 53, wherein an operation electric power [necessary for an operation] is [also] supplied to [said] the apparatus from an [outside] exterior source through [said] the communicating unit.

--55. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein [said] the decoding unit comprises[:] a decoder for decoding the encryption performed [to said read-out] on the read data[;] and a decompressing unit for decompressing the data decoded by [said] the decoder.

--56. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, [wherein said decoding apparatus] further [comprises] comprising a watermark detecting unit for detecting whether a watermark has been added to output data outputted from [said] the decoding unit [or not], [and] wherein when the watermark is not detected [by said watermark detecting unit,] the output data from [said] the decoding unit [is] are outputted.

--57. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 56, wherein when the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions [is] are included in the watermark detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit[, said] the control unit collates [said] the output data with the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read [out] from [said] the medium and outputs the output data from [said] the decoding unit when the data [regarding said] corresponding to the reproducing conditions detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit coincides with the data [regarding said] corresponding to the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read [out] from [said] the medium.

--58. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 56, wherein when the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit does not coincide with the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read [out] from [said] the medium, [said] the control unit does not output the output data from [said] the decoding unit.

--59. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 58, wherein [said] the decoding unit [further] has a reproducing conditions detecting unit for extracting the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions from [said read-out] the read data.

--60. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 57, further comprising a watermark adding unit for adding a watermark formed on the basis of the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions, [and] wherein when the watermark cannot correctly be detected from the output data outputted from [said] the decoding unit by [said] the watermark detecting unit[, said] the watermark adding unit forms the watermark and adds [it] the watermark to the output data from [said] the decoding unit.

--61. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 60, wherein when the watermark is correctly detected from the output data from [said] the decoding unit by [said] the watermark detecting unit[, said] the watermark adding unit does not add the watermark.

--62. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein [said] the decoding unit, [said] the storing unit, and said control unit are constructed as one chip.

--63. (Amended) [A] The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein when [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the storing unit [indicates] indicate that [said read-out] the read data cannot be reproduced[, said] the control unit stops the decoding process of [said read-out] the read data by [said] the decoding unit.

--64. (Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

a decoding unit for performing a decoding process to one of compressed [and/or] and encrypted data [which was] read [out] from a medium and includes data regarding reproducing conditions and;

a storing unit for storing monitoring [right] data; and

a control unit for[, when said read-out data is decoded by said decoding unit in the case where said read-out data is data as a target of charging,] performing a changing process to [said] the monitoring right data stored in [said] the storing unit on the basis of the data regarding the reproducing conditions separated by [said] the decoding unit when the read data are decoded and the read data are targets of charging;

an operation unit which is operated by [the] a user; and

a system control unit for supplying a control signal to [said] the control unit on the basis of an input from [said] the operation unit.

--65. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, wherein when [said read-out] the read data [is] are not the [data as a target] targets of charging[, said] the control unit does not change [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the storing unit.

--66. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, further comprising a converting unit for

converting output data [which is] outputted from [said] the decoding unit into an analog signal.

--67. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, wherein reproduction history information of [said read-out] the read data [which was] decoded by [said] the decoding unit [is] are written into [said] the storing unit.

--68. (Amended) A reproducing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising a communicating unit, [and] wherein [said] the reproduction history information [can be] is outputted to an external apparatus through [said] the communicating unit and [said] the monitoring [right] data [can be written into said] are stored in the storing unit.

--69. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein an electric power necessary for an operation is [also] supplied to said apparatus from an [outside] exterior source through [said] the communicating unit.

--70. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, wherein [said] the decoding unit comprises[:] a decoder for decoding the encryption performed to [said read-out] the read data[;] and a decompressing unit for decompressing the data decoded by [said] the decoder.

--71. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, further comprising a watermark detecting unit for detecting whether a watermark has been added to output data outputted from [said] the decoding unit [or not], [and] wherein when the watermark is not detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit[,], the output data from [said] the decoding unit [is] are outputted.

--72. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 71, wherein when the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions [is] are included in the watermark detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit[,], said] the control unit collates [said] the output data with the data regarding said reproducing conditions extracted from the data read out from said medium and outputs the output data from said decoding unit when the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit [coincides] coincide with the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read out from [said] the medium.

--73. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 72, wherein when the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit [does] do not coincide with the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read out from [said] the medium, [said] the control unit does not



output the output data from [said] the decoding unit.

--74. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 73, wherein [said] the decoding unit further has a reproducing conditions detecting unit for extracting the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions from [said read-out] the read data.

--75. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 72, further comprising a watermark adding unit for adding a watermark formed on the basis of the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions, [and] wherein when the watermark cannot correctly be detected by [said] the watermark detecting unit from the output data outputted from [said] the decoding unit, [said] the watermark adding unit forms the watermark and adds it to the output data from [said] the decoding unit.

--76. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein when the watermark is correctly detected from the output data from [said] the decoding unit by [said] the watermark detecting unit, [said] the watermark adding unit does not add the watermark.

--77. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, wherein [said] the decoding unit, [said] the storing unit, and [said] the control unit are constructed as

one chip.

--78. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 64, wherein when [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the storing unit [indicates] indicate that [said read-out] the read data cannot be reproduced, [said] the control unit stops the decoding process of [said read-out] the read data by [said] the decoding unit.

--79. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising a display unit and a modem unit for transmitting the reproduction history information stored in [said] the storing unit through a [communicating] communication line.

--80. (Amended) [A] The reproducing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising a display unit, [and] wherein data regarding a remaining reproduction possible amount formed by said system control unit on the basis of the reproduction history information and [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the storing unit [is] are displayed on [said] the display unit.

--81. (Amended) A terminal apparatus comprising:

a first transmitting and receiving unit for transmitting and receiving [at least] monitoring [right] data [to/from] to and from a communicating unit of a reproducing apparatus

having a decoding unit for performing a decoding process to one of compressed [and/or] and encrypted data [which was] read [out] from a medium and includes data regarding reproducing conditions, a storing unit for storing the monitoring [right] data and data regarding a reproduction history, a control unit for[, when said read-out data is decoded by said decoding unit in the case where said read-out data is data as a target of charging,] performing a changing process to [said] the monitoring [right] data stored in [said] the storing unit on the basis of the data regarding [said] the reproducing conditions separated by [said] the decoding unit when the read data are decoded and the read data are targets of charging, and [said] the communicating unit;

a second transmitting and receiving unit for transmitting and receiving [at least said] the monitoring [right] data [to/from an outside] to and from an exterior element; and

a data holding unit for holding [said] the monitoring [right] data obtained from the [outside] exterior element through [said] the second transmitting and receiving unit and for holding individual identification data.

--82. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus according to claim 81, wherein [said] the monitoring [right] data held in [said] the data holding unit [is written into said] are stored in the storing unit of [said] the reproducing apparatus through [said] the first transmitting and receiving unit and [said] through the communicating unit.

--83. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus according to claim 82, further comprising a history information holding unit for[, when said monitoring right data held in said data holding unit is written into said storing unit,] holding the data regarding the reproduction history [which is] transmitted through [said] the communicating unit and [said] the first transmitting and receiving unit and [has been] stored in [said] the storing unit of [said] the reproducing apparatus when the monitoring data held in the data holding unit are stored in the storing unit, [and] wherein the data regarding [said] the reproduction history held in [said] the history information holding unit [is] are transmitted to [said] the exterior element outside through [said] the second transmitting and receiving unit.

--84. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus according to claim 83, wherein when the data regarding [said] the reproduction history held in [said] the history information holding unit is transmitted to [said outside] the exterior element through [said] the second transmitting and receiving unit[, said] the individual identification information is transmitted [together] with the data regarding [said] the reproduction history.

--85. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus according to claim 81, wherein an electric power necessary for [operations]

operation of [at least said] the decoding unit and [said] the storing unit [of said reproducing apparatus] is supplied to [said] the reproducing apparatus through [said] the first transmitting and receiving unit.

--86. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus according to claim 81, further comprising a signal processing unit for[, when the data is transmitted and received to/from said reproducing apparatus or said outside through said first or second transmitting and receiving unit,] performing an encrypting process [to] on the data [which is] transmitted from [said] one of the first [or] and second transmitting and receiving unit and for decoding the encryption performed to the data transmitted from [said] the communicating unit or [said outside] the exterior element when the data are transmitted and received to and from one of the reproducing apparatus and the exterior element through one of the first and second transmitting units.--